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Title: Document Categorizing Method, Document Categorizing Apparatus

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Program Is Stored

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20060118), please amend the above-identified application as follows: